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Memorandum for the Executive Secretary, National Security Council

Subject : Trends in National Security Programs Through Fiscal Year 1959

Reference : Your Memorandum of June 19, 1956, this Subject

1. The appropriate intelligence agencies have reviewed their projected programs for procuring and producing foreign positive strategic intelligence for FY 1957, 1958, and 1959 and conclude that these will require continuation, improvement and modest expansion of the activities they now undertake. Though there is no evidence that the Soviet Bloc intends to engage in overt aggression during the period, developments in weapons systems will significantly increase the Bloc's capability to inflict severe damage on the United States and its allies. It is, therefore, necessary to employ all permissible means to obtain hard information on the capabilities and likely courses of action of the Communist bloc, and this will require increasingly expensive equipment and methods. Moreover, the obvious intention of the Communist powers to assert their influence in underdeveloped areas of the world will require the intelligence community to expand its facilities throughout large parts of Asia, Africa and Latin America where coverage has up to now been modest.

2. Accordingly, the attached table and footnotes provide a breakdown by agency of the anticipated costs through FY 1959 of programs for procuring foreign positive strategic intelligence, together with the figures for FY 1954, 1955, and 1956 for purposes of comparison. The accounting methods used for this table are

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explained in the footnotes; figures for the National Security Agency and related agencies have been furnished by the Department of Defense, which is responsible for these activities. It must, of course, be clear that changes in the world situation and outlook may well require substantial adjustments in the intelligence expenditures estimated in the table.

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